

Stolen Honor, the anti-Kerry Documentary that Sinclair Broadcasting had decided to force their stations to air days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. An editorial opinion is not like a McDonald's Sesame seed bun as the Vice President for Sinclair stated in an interview on CNN on October 12. Sesame seed buns are not a threat to our democracy and speech that serves the public interest.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.